

**THE PIG MADE FUNNY.**

F. D. Coburn Tells About "Jest Hogs" Last Evening.

**POETRY AND LITERATURE DRAWN ON**

To Make One of the Most Amusing and Entertaining of Tales—The Improved Stock Breeders.

It is almost impossible to inject fun into the subject of hogs, but F. D. Coburn did it at the meeting of the Improved Stock Breeders' association last evening. Mr. Coburn made the hog hilariously funny. His paper was called "Jest Hogs." Everybody was expecting something good when he arose to read it and they got it.

"At \$3.75 per hundred pounds the hog is a pretty plebian," said Mr. Coburn, "a quite disreputable fellow of indifferent breeding, debased morals, and of unclean habits; whose relationship we do not know to whom, many of us often do not speak when we meet him in the road or at the station."

"At \$7.50 per hundred, however, this is all reversed. He is entitled to be called honorable and is an interesting gentleman and to all deference which most of us make haste to show a distinguished relative of large financial consequence."

"He is given the right-of-way by peddlars, vehicles and railway trains, and it is with our chief consent that he comes about as near representing and possessing the fat of the land as anybody we know."

Under these circumstances he soon comes to associate with country people, the friends and benefactors of his youth, and becomes a patriarch, early falling under the baneful influence of such sharp cutters as the Swells and the Admirers, only, as we might expect, to get in the neck and eventually to be led to death.

Lorenzo Dow once said: "The average western farmer tells hard early and late, often depicting himself of needed rest—for what? To feed hogs—for what? To get money with which to buy more land—for what? To raise more corn—for what? To feed more hogs—for what? To buy more land? And why does no man want more land? Why, he wishes to raise more corn, to feed more hogs, to buy more hogs, and so on this cycle he moves until the Almighty stops his hog-gish proceedings?"

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The district court jurymen were asked yesterday by an attorney if any of them had ever been convicted of crime.

D. Flint and daughter made some experiments in hypnotism among the patients at the asylum, yesterday afternoon.

C. S. McClintock has been chosen county physician at a salary of \$400 a year, and county health officer at \$100 a year.

Professor Whittemore of Washburn college is superintendent of the Sunday school at the Central Congregational church.

W. H. Ryan, who was one of the prominent members of the Populist house last winter, is to be deputy U. S. marshal under Neely.

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Secretary of Agriculture Morton, who was invited to attend the meeting of the state board of agriculture, has not acknowledged the invitation.

A column and half interview with a smoke chummer and a one-track interview with Roger R. J. Wilson in the morning paper's big list of enterprizes.

Cyrus Cushing has given out that he and Mrs. Lease has formed a partnership for the publication of a daily newspaper, to be an anti-administration paper.

Attorney General Little has been at Parsons, Kansas, several days. It is almost time for him to begin one of his harmless "attacks" on the M. K. & T. again.

Officer Dugay carries the following poem in his pocket, composed by an admirer:

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It is fashionable in some circles to ridicule and denounce the hog to insist that he is the dire author of leprosy, pestilence, scrofula, cancer and the most disgusting diseases that afflict humanity.

This is the breeding of prejudice not of science. The hog outlives all hostility and laughs, so to speak, at the fit success of his slanderers. The hog is a true cosmopolite—a citizen of the world. He increases and multiplies and interests every part of the habitable globe. He does not stand in high repute for his manners, but he is most accommodating, thriving with equal content in the sty of the rich and the latrine of the indigent.

"He is the product of nature's most economic thought. There is no part that cannot be utilized. His flesh, fat, brains, hair, hoof and bones are all turned to account."

"One enthusiastic and eloquent writer has made the claim that the pig is a much better emblem of our nationality than the eagle, and that, though nothing of beauty, in the strict artistic sense, he is far more handsome than the eagle, and when opportunity offers, is far more cleanly and dainty in his personal habits. If not ornamental, he is certainly useful, while the eagle is neither useful nor ornamental."

"The pig is a quiet and unoffensive Christian sort of animal, symbolizing to a greater extent the peaceful virtues for which our nation is so conspicuous, than does the raving,狂暴的 eagle."

"Most marvels of all advances in connection with the swine have been the growth in our export trade in hog products. In the new years ending with 1893 we sold abroad hogs and their products an annual average of \$1,600,000 worth, or the equivalent of \$1,600,000 at \$10.00 per head. Forty years have not exported in a single year \$1,600,000 hogs for \$104,000,000, or about \$1,600,000 head."

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**Texas and Return.**

One Fare for the Round Trip—Santa Fe Route.

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J. K. Jones.